



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 9, 2011

### **H.R. 1560**

**A bill to amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and  
Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act  
to allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Tribe  
to determine blood quantum requirement  
for membership in that tribe**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources on July 20, 2011*

H.R. 1560 would amend the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act to eliminate the requirement that individuals have a blood quantum level of at least one-eighth to qualify for tribal membership. This legislation would allow the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe to establish its own blood quantum requirement for determining membership.

Based on information from the Department of the Interior, the Indian Health Service, and members of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1560 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Federal agencies currently provide services to all of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Indians who would become tribal members under H.R. 1560 because those agencies do not restrict services based on tribal membership established under the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo and Alabama and Coushatta Indian Tribes of Texas Restoration Act. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1560 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo tribe.

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